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STOLEN VEHICLE PURSUIT

(San Diego) At about 10:40 this morning, a man called the police indicating that his truck had just been stolen from Fifth Avenue and 'L' Street. The owner said he jumped into the back of the truck as the suspect pulled away. The truck was described as a light brown Ford with a roof rack and an open trailer attached.

The SDPD helicopter (ABLE) was notified and spotted the truck with the owner in the back headed east bound Interstate 8 at Mission Center Road. The truck went north Interstate 805 where officers got behind the truck at Murphy Canyon Road. Officers attempted to stop the truck at Mesa College Drive and the suspect failed to yield. The suspect continued on 805 to north bound Highway 163 to Kearny Villa Road at about 55 mph. The suspect exited Kearny Villa Road., turned south and continued across the 52 to Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Officers attempted to get into position to block the truck just north of Clairemont Mesa Blvd. but the suspect swerved away from the officers. The officers were able to block the truck in with the assistance of heavy traffic at 9600 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. The driver refused to exit the truck and officers were able to pull him from the driver's seat. The officers took the driver into custody and the owner of the truck (still in the bed of the truck) was unhurt. The suspect is Kenneth Eaton, 10-28-84. Eaton was arrested and booked into SD Central Jail.

Video of this chase is available at the SDPD headquarters front counter until 5:00 p.m. today (Friday, September 14, 2007).

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